
From: Dolan, Jack <John.Dolan@latimes.com>
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 4:45 PM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein; Brian C Whitten
Subject: LA Times request

Josh and Brian,
Can you please provide copies of any requests for secondary employment permits submitted by police officer Laurie Guillen? I'm at 213-237-5112 if you'd care to discuss.
Thanks.

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The Los Angeles Times
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@jackdolanLAT

From: Queally, James <James.Queally@latimes.com>
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein; Patricia A Sandoval
Subject: Verifying Statistics / Requesting Interview for story on Internal Affairs Data

Good morning:

I am working on a story about sustained citizen complaints against peace officers in California, based off data reported to the California Department Of Justice. While I am relying on data obtained through a public records request with CALDOJ, and the data they provide is based on information directly reported by local agencies, I still wanted to check in and verify their numbers were not in dispute before proceeding. Please look at the below statistics and let me know if the LAPD disputes any of the following:

1. From 2004 to 2016, the LAPD received 33,417 citizen-generated complaints of non-criminal misconduct against its officers. The LAPD sustained 1,855 of those complaints, or roughly 5.5%
2. From 2004 to 2016, the LAPD received 4,631 citizen-generated complaints of misconduct that could rise to the level of a felony against its officers. The LAPD sustained 119 of those complaints, or roughly 2.57%
3. From 2004 to 2016, the LAPD received 4,791 citizen-generated complaints of misconduct that could rise to the level of a misdemeanor against its officers. The LAPD sustained 170 of those complaints, or roughly 3.55%

Based on the above statistics, I would also like to interview a commander in Internal Affairs or someone else within the agency with a background in investigating internal misconduct, so I can get a better understanding of the LAPD's mechanisms when it comes to policing its own. I'd want to know more about the department's complaint intake process, how (if at all) it differs from complaints generated within the agency, and discuss the findings above.

On average in the same time frame, law enforcement agencies in California sustained roughly 8.5% of all non-criminal misconduct complaints, 6.4% of all felony complaints and 12% of all misdemeanor complaints, meaning the LAPD seems to be sustaining complaints at a significantly lower percentage across the board. I would like to discuss the data discrepancy with LAPD officials, as well as how you think such numbers affect public trust. Given California's lack of transparency laws when it comes to officer discipline and Internal Affairs statistics -- as you know, the specific classifications of the above misconduct allegations are not public, i.e.: excessive force, false arrest, etc. are not public -- it is very difficult for the public to understand why or how police departments arrive at these internal decisions.

Thank You. I look forward to discussing this further.

**James Queally
Reporter
Los Angeles Times
213-265-6529**

From: Chang, Cindy <Cindy.Chang@latimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein
Subject: FW: request for records about destruction of evidence

Hi Josh,

Below is my initial PRA request, along with the response from Discovery to narrow the query. I'm also including my correspondence with Trish – I had asked her for help before going to Vito.

Thanks!

Cindy Chang
Staff writer, Los Angeles Times
cindy.chang@latimes.com
213.237.7016
[REDACTED]

From: Patricia A Sandoval [<mailto:25981@lapd.online>]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Chang, Cindy
Cc: Joshua N Rubenstein
Subject: RE: destruction of evidence

Hi Cindy,

I am unable to assist you with your request at this time, so I've forwarded it to the PIO and requested they assist you.

My apologies for not being able to assist at this time,
Trish

PATRICIA A. SANDOVAL, Captain
Commanding Officer
Media Relations Division
(213) 486-5910

From: Chang, Cindy [[mailto:C Cindy.Chang@latimes.com](mailto:Cindy.Chang@latimes.com)]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Patricia A Sandoval <25981@lapd.online>
Cc: Joshua N Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online>
Subject: destruction of evidence

Hi Trish,

I submitted a PRA request awhile back for some information about how the LAPD handles evidence. There are a couple aspects that maybe you could help me with.

Discovery recently asked for some keywords to help find the email correspondence I requested.

If the LAPD is communicating with the District Attorney's Office about a case where the destruction of evidence is at issue, is there a point person who typically handles this? Including that person's name as a keyword would narrow the search.

Also, I asked for the LAPD policies about retention and destruction of evidence and haven't receive anything back. If there's anything you can quickly pull from the department manual or any other source, could you forward it? The exact language of the request is here:

"I am requesting a copy of the policy, training guidelines and any other procedures adopted by your department as it relates to the retention, storage and/or destruction of evidence in both open and closed investigations and unsolved cases, including, but not limited to, any documents explaining who is authorized to order the destruction of evidence in those cases."

Let me know if there's anything you can do to help. I realize this request is a bit obtuse, but we're trying to give it a scope that Discovery can handle.

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From: Chang, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 11:13 AM
To: DISCOVERY@lapd.lacity.org
Cc: josh.rubenstein@lapd.online; patricia.sandoval@lapd.online
Subject: request for records about destruction of evidence



Los Angeles Times
202 West First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email:

October 31, 2017

Re: Request for records about destruction of evidence

To whom it may concern,

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Section 6250 et seq. of the Government Code and the California state Constitution, as amended by Proposition 59, and section 13300 of the California Penal Code, I am asking for records about the destruction of rape kits, ballistic and other evidence in cases investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department and records indicating whether criminal cases have been impacted as a result, such as preventing the filing of cases or the filing of additional criminal counts, and/or the retrial of a previously adjudicated matter.

Specifically I am requesting all memos, minutes of meetings, letters, emails and other correspondence by LAPD employees since January 1, 2016, about how criminal cases might have been impacted by the destruction of rape kits, ballistic (including bullets, casings and firearms) and other types of evidence as well as any discussions regarding the policies adopted by your agency.

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I am making this request as a journalist conducting research into whether the destruction of evidence has hampered attempts to solve crimes or prosecute criminal cases in Los Angeles County. I believe that the release of the information would help enhance the public's understanding of what happens in Los Angeles County's criminal justice system in cases that involve violent crime.

This request reasonably describes identifiable information that the California Public Records Act requires be made public. I believe that there exists no express provision of law exempting such information from disclosure. Accordingly, I ask that you make the records promptly available.

The Public Records Act requires government agencies to assist members of the public to identify records and information responsive to the request and to provide suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought.

To the extent that a portion of the information I have requested is exempt by express provisions of law, the public records act additionally requires segregation and deletion of that material in order that the remainder of the information may be provided in satisfaction of my request.

If you determine that an express provision of law exists to exempt from disclosure all or a portion of the material I have requested, the public records act requires a determination and notification to me of the reasons no later than 10 days from your receipt of this request. The act prohibits the use of the 10-day period, or any provision of the act, "to delay access for purposes of inspecting public records."

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at [REDACTED] or email me at cindy.chang@latimes.com.

Sincerely,

Cindy Chang
Staff writer
Los Angeles Times

From: Chang, Cindy <Cindy.Chang@latimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 2:08 PM
To: Patricia A Sandoval
Subject: traffic warnings

Hi Trish,

I spoke to Phil Tingirides for a story about traffic warnings and his philosophy of using them in South Bureau instead of tickets where appropriate. He said he didn't have the statistics available. Having been to a number of Compstats, I seem to remember that traffic tickets and warnings are part of the second sheet that's up on the screen for each division.

Is there an easy way to obtain the traffic ticket and warning stats by year and division, going a few years back? Would John Neuman be able to help?

I'd also like to go out with some South Bureau traffic officers to see how they handle tickets vs. warnings.

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From: Mather, Kate <kate.mather@latimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Meghan E Aguilar
Cc: Joshua N Rubenstein;Chris Ramirez
Subject: RE: Question regarding stats for Hispanic victims of D/V

Thanks so much, Meghan. Really appreciate the help. Take care.

From: Meghan E Aguilar [mailto:33425@lapd.online]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Mather, Kate
Cc: Joshua N Rubenstein; Chris Ramirez
Subject: Fw: Question regarding stats for Hispanic victims of D/V

Hi Kate!

Attached are the reports for end of year stats which were created for C.O.P. by Compstat. Hopefully this helps.

Meghan

John M. Neuman
Police Administrator
Commanding Officer, COMPSTAT Division
Los Angeles Police Department



From: Queally, James <James.Queally@latimes.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein
Subject: Re: Homless Encampment Case

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2018, at 12:20 PM, Joshua N Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online> wrote:

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From: Brenda Gazzar <bgazzar@scng.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 12:22 PM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein
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Subject: Re: LAPD's hit and run solve rate?

Thanks Barry and Josh.

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To: Brenda Gazzar
Cc: PIO
Subject: Re: LAPD's hit and run solve rate?

We have one of our supervisors working on this request for you

Josh Rubenstein
Public Information Director
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From: Mather, Kate <kate.mather@latimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:19 PM
To: Meghan E Aguilar;Joshua N Rubenstein;PIO;Barry K Montgomery
Subject: RE: crime numbers question

Hey Meghan, thanks for getting back to me.

I checked through the Open Data website, and it just doesn't seem feasible to get the information we're looking for in an accurate or timely manner. Are you sure there's no other way to get those numbers? It looks like they were broken down by race at least in March 2017, when the Department put the initial information out here:

http://www.lapdonline.org/march_2017/news_view/61998. And I assume the Mayor got some sort of update at the end of the year to be able to say that the reports by Latinos had increased. We asked his office and they said to get the numbers from the LAPD.

Kate

From: Meghan E Aguilar [mailto:33425@lapd.online]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 2:48 PM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein; PIO; Barry K Montgomery; Mather, Kate
Subject: Re: crime numbers question

Good afternoon!

We do not have those numbers broken down by race. The Mayor's Open Data website does have crime stats from 2010 to present and it includes victim race. It is current as on March 20, 2018.

Meghan

From: Joshua N Rubenstein
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 11:21:55 AM
To: PIO; Barry K Montgomery; Meghan E Aguilar
Subject: Fwd: crime numbers question

Kate...I'm not in the office I will forward this to the PIO in house today. I'm not sure if these numbers are readily available.

Josh Rubenstein
Public Information Director
Los Angeles Police Department
@pdpiojosh #ItsOurLADStory

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mather, Kate" <kate.mather@latimes.com>
Subject: crime numbers question
Date: March 23, 2018 at 11:20:36 AM PDT
To: 'Joshua N Rubenstein' <n5373@lapd.online>

Hey Josh, happy Friday.

I'm helping a couple colleagues out with a story about the LAPD's outreach efforts with the immigrant community, and am hoping to get some crime numbers from you. Mayor Garcetti said at the 2017 crime stats presser that, despite the dip earlier in the year, reports of domestic violence and sexual assault by Latinos "were as strong as they were in other communities" by the end of the year. I'd like to know what the specific numbers were.

Looking for a similar breakdown to what you put out in March of last year, only with the 2017 totals. http://www.lapdonline.org/march_2017/news_view/61998

I know Friday is a slow day around there...if it's possible to get this info today, that would be great. If not, early next week is fine.

Thanks,

Kate Mather

Los Angeles Times
o: 213-237-7817
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From: Winton, Richard <Richard.Winton@latimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Patricia A Sandoval
Subject: Missing Macedonia actress

Patricia,

Adea Shabani, 25 missing from Hollywood. Who inside the Dept is working the likely homicide. Nevada County tells us they have a shallow grave and LAPD detectives on scene. Obviously, this is not a positive ID but is this west Homicide or whom?

Thank you
Richard
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From: Brenda Gazzar <bgazzar@scng.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 11:17 AM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein
Subject: Re: urgent re; possible Chaminade College Prep High School arrest?

Thank you.

Best,

Brenda

On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 11:15 AM, Joshua N Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online> wrote:
We will let you know if any arrest is made.

Josh Rubenstein
Public Information Director
Los Angeles Police Department
@pdpiojosh #ItsOurLADStory

On Mar 26, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Brenda Gazzar <bgazzar@scng.com> wrote:

Thank you. Can you please let me know as soon as an arrest is made in this case? Btw, I understand the main suspect, a senior, is 18 years old.

On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 10:56 AM, Joshua N Rubenstein <n5373@lapd.online> wrote:
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And when was LAPD notified of this?

On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 10:46 AM, Joshua N Rubenstein

<n5373@lapd.online> wrote:

Brenda-

I can only tell you there is still an active investigation, however since individuals involved are minors and there are no arrests that is the only information I can provide at this time.

Josh Rubenstein
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On Mar 26, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Brenda Gazzar

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Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein
Subject: crime numbers question

Importance: High

Hey Josh, happy Friday.

I'm helping a couple colleagues out with a story about the LAPD's outreach efforts with the immigrant community, and am hoping to get some crime numbers from you. Mayor Garcetti said at the 2017 crime stats presser that, despite the dip earlier in the year, reports of domestic violence and sexual assault by Latinos "were as strong as they were in other communities" by the end of the year. I'd like to know what the specific numbers were.

Looking for a similar breakdown to what you put out in March of last year, only with the 2017 totals.
http://www.lapdonline.org/march_2017/news_view/61998

I know Friday is a slow day around there...if it's possible to get this info today, that would be great. If not, early next week is fine.

Thanks,

Kate Mather

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o: 213-237-7817

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From: Smith, Dakota <Dakota.Smith@latimes.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Joshua N Rubenstein
Subject: private security questions

Hi Josh,

I had some questions about Cypress Security, the private security company that now works at City Hall.

What are their duties and what buildings do they patrol?

When were they hired and why?

Do you know where in the city budget I would see the line item that would show their funding?

Thanks!

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